

# Avenue of the Giants



## Four Bridges Project

### FACT SHEET

#### Proposed Project

Caltrans is proposing a project to upgrade bridge rails on four bridges on Route 254 in Humboldt County. The four bridges are:

- Ohman Creek Bridge PM 0.88
- Elk Creek Bridge PM 10.43
- Bridge Creek Bridge PM 10.80
- Bear Creek Bridge PM 43.02

The proposed project will upgrade the rails to current standards with a see-through bridge rail.

#### Project Location

Route 254 is a 32-mile long segment of old Highway 101 and is designated as the “Avenue of the Giants”. It is a scenic alternative to Route 101 that runs parallel to the Eel River through the Humboldt Redwoods State Park

#### Project Purpose and Need

The four bridges included in this proposed project were all built more than 70 years ago and have been identified as needing rail upgrades. Three of the existing bridges have timber railing, which is deteriorating. The timber railing at Bridge Creek Bridge #4-9 has deteriorated beyond the capabilities of routine maintenance.



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This project proposes to upgrade the bridge railing at Ohman Creek Bridge #4-7, Elk Creek Bridge #4-8, Bridge Creek Bridge #4-9 and Bear Creek Bridge #4-12. The proposed upgrade will have a see-through type bridge rail and bicycle railing. In addition, all bridge approach guardrails will be upgraded to current safety standards.

### **Project History**

A scoping meeting was held on February 28, 2011 to introduce the project and obtain feedback from the public. At that meeting alternatives being considered were to upgrade the bridge rails and also widen the bridges to obtain 4-foot shoulders. Additionally, Bridge Creek Bridge was being considered for a replacement. As a result from public comments and further investigations, these alternatives were eliminated from further study. The purpose of this informational meeting is to provide the public with an update and status of the project.

### **Construction Cost and Schedule**

- Construction Estimate: \$3,000,000
- Draft Environmental Document Circulation: March 2013
- Construction: Summer 2015

### **Contacts**

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OHMAN CREEK



ELK CREEK



BRIDGE CREEK



BEAR CREEK